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In re Accompanying Continuation Application under
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: APPLICANTS: Y. TAKAHASHI et al.
Serial No. 10/352,898
Filed: January 29, 2003

Group Art: 3745
For: TURBINE ROTOR



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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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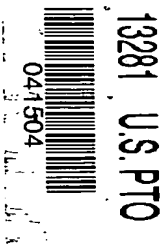
Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application
under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial
No. 10/352,898 filed January 29, 2003, entitled TURBINE ROTOR
by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, as
originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION				
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW				
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT				
Basic Fee				\$ 770.00
Total Claims	1 - 20	=	0 x 18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3	=	0 x 86	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee				\$ 770.00



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3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-8 before calculating the Filing Fee.
A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/352,898, filed January 29, 2003, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 10/136,313 filed May 2, 2002.--.

7. New formal drawings are enclosed, six (6) sheets, Figs. 1-11. The drawings include corrections approved in the prior application.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of Japanese patent application No.

2001-163873 filed May 31, 2001 is claimed under
35 U.S.C. § 119. The certified priority document has been
filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained
in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed
in the present continuation application would have been new
matter in the prior application, as originally filed on
January 29, 2003.



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